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SUBJECT: TEXTILES - RENEGOTIATION OF US/JAPAN BILATERAL
AGREEMENT

1. TANABE OF JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS INFORMED
US THAT JAPANESE DELEGATION TO NEGOTIATIONS SCHEDULED
TO BE HELD MARCH 2-10 IN HONOLULU WILL CONSIST OF ONLY
3 PERSONS. WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT DESIGNATION
OF SUCH A SMALL DELEGATION INDICATES THAT GOJ IS NOT
REPEAT NOT PREPARED TO CONDUCT SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS
WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT IN HONOLULU.
NEGOTIATIONS FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENT USUALLY REQUIRES
SEVERAL HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS AS WELL AS TECHNICAL
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SPECIALISTS. IN PAST, GOJ HAS USUALLY FOUND IT
NECESSARY TO FIELD A DELEGATION SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER
THAN THAT OF USG. US DELEGATION NEEDS TO KNOW ASAP
GOJ INTENTIONS RE NEGOTIATIONS IN HONOLULU BECAUSE
USG PRESENTLY PLANS TO SEND FULL DELEGATION PLUS
SEVERAL LABOR AND INDUSTRY ADVISORS. PLEASE EXPLORE
GOJ'S INTENTIONS RE NEGOTIATIONS AND REPORT EMBASSY'S

CONCLUSIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. EMBASSY MAY WANT TO GIVE GOJ US DELEGATION LIST AS
MEANS OF APPROACH TO EXPLORE GOU'S INTENTIONS RE

NEGOTIATIONS. US DELEGATION INCLUDES MICHAEL B. SMITH,
(MINISTER, CHIEF TEXTILE NEGOTIATOR, STR), JOHN J.
ST. JOHN (CHIEF, TEXTILES DIVISION, STATE), ROBERT
SHEPHERD (DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR RESOURCES
AND TRADE ASSISTANCE, COMMERCE), ARTHUR GAREL
(DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF TEXTILES, COMMERCE), HERBERT
BLACKMAN (ASSOCIATE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, LABOR), IRVING KRAMER (ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY, LABOR).

3. FOLLOWING UP SAKAI/SMITH TELCON FEBRUARY 14,
PLEASE INFORM SAKI THAT SMITH WILL BE IN HONOLULU
FROM FEBRUARY 27 AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY
TO TALK WITH SAKAI PRIVATELY ON EITHER MARCH 1 (WHEN
SAKAI ARRIVES) OR MARCH 2, BUT, IN ANY CASE, BEFORE
FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN.

4. US TEXTILE DELEGATION AND ADVISORS WILL BE
STAYING AT ALA MOANA HOTEL, TELEPHONE NUMBER 955-4811.
WOULD APPRECIATE HOTEL INFORMATION RE GOJ DELEGATION.
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